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**AN ORDER ADOPTING THE HAWAII STATE MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, 2007 UPDATE**

The State of Hawai'i has suffered substantial loss of life and property from natural hazards. Since 1982, two major hurricanes, five large flooding events and a dam break, and an earthquake have resulted in Federal Disaster Declarations, three of which occurred since the approved 2004 plan. The State also experienced drought and wildfires, requiring federal assistance. In addition to the loss of life, these disasters caused considerable human suffering and damage to homes, businesses, government buildings, and infrastructure assets.

The State of Hawai'i and the four county governments have taken positive and proactive measures to minimize disaster losses. Improvements in building codes and standards have made structures less vulnerable to high winds, flooding, and earthquakes. Mitigation projects to harden critical facilities and to increase the number of emergency shelter spaces have been implemented. Despite these successes, significant work remains to further reduce the risks to our residents and visitors.

The State of Hawai'i Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan incorporates input from county plans and the private sector to address hazards confronting the State. The plan assesses risks and vulnerabilities, evaluates the State's capability to address hazards, lists mitigation goals and objectives, and proposes high priority and cost-effective mitigation policies and projects.

This plan serves as the fundamental document that outlines the process to promote and implement hazard mitigation activities in the State of Hawai'i. The State Hazard Mitigation Forum, comprised of members from all levels of government and the private sector, will continue to serve as the advisory hazard mitigation planning element to the Civil Defense Division, Hawai'i State Department of Defense.

The State of Hawai'i Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2007 Update, is in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The State will comply with all federal applicable statutes and regulations during the period for which it receives grant funding, in compliance with 44 CFR 13.11(c), and will amend its plan whenever necessary to reflect changes in State or federal laws and statutes as required in 44 CFR 13.11(d).

The State of Hawai'i Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2007 Update, is the overarching plan that encompasses the local mitigation plans, which include each of the four counties and the upcoming University of Hawaii multi-hazard mitigation plan, and the specific hazard related mitigation plans for drought, wildfire, and flood. Adoption of the State of Hawai'i Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2007 Update, further adopts the local and hazard-specific mitigation plans by reference.

I hereby adopt the State of Hawai'i Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2007 Update.

  
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